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## **Strategic Communications Wing 1 Commander Relieved**

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Oklahoma – Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNAF), relieved the commander of Strategic Communications Wing 1 (SCW 1) and Task Force (TF) 124 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, March 17, due to a loss of confidence in the commander's ability to lead.

CNAF Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker relieved Capt. Heather E. Cole, commander, SCW 1 and TF 124, of her duties.

The action resulted from the initial findings of an investigation, which determined that Cole had not performed up to the high standards demanded of an officer in command.

Cole has been temporarily assigned to the CNAF staff pending the final adjudication of the case.

Capt. Brian McCormick, the former deputy commander of SCW 1 and TF 124, has been assigned as acting commander of the wing and task force.

SCW 1 is an administrative command, responsible to Commander Naval Air Forces (CNAF), for manning, training, and equipping the Navy squadrons responsible for nuclear command and control communication to the nation's nuclear triad. TF 124 is an operational command, responsible to Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, which provides the airborne platform and aircrew for the U.S. Strategic Command Airborne Command Post, the Airborne Launch Control System, the Non-Strategic Nuclear Forces Theater Commanders and the "Take Charge and Move Out" (TACAMO) Emergency Action Message relay missions.

SCW 1/TF 124 has direct responsibility for Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 3; VQ-4; VQ-7; VQ-3 Detachment Travis Air Force Base, California; SCW 1 Detachment Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; and VQ-4 Detachment Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.